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## **Location changed on Corps/Federal Caucus public meeting in Lewiston**

**Walla Walla, Wash.** -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Caucus have changed the meeting scheduled on Feb. 10 from the Lewis and Clark State College Williams Conference Center to the Lewis and Clark Conference Center next to the Quality Inn in Clarkston, Wash. The meeting location was changed in response to local community requests for a larger facility.

Public meetings for the draft Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement are being held throughout the region in February and March.

Together with the Corps' presentation of the Draft FR/EIS for improving salmon migration on the lower Snake River, the Federal Caucus will be presenting the "Conservation of Columbia Basin Fish All-H Paper." A Corps' report on drawdown at John Day Dam will also be on the meeting agenda.

The meeting will include an all-day open house. There will be both afternoon and evening presentations and comment sessions held. At both sessions the public will have an opportunity to make written and oral comments on the Corps' Draft Feasibility Report/Environmental Impact Statement and the Federal Caucus All-H paper. Written comments are being solicited on the John Day Study.

Public comments will be limited to three minutes in length and individuals must sign up in advance at the meetings. Anyone may also submit written comments. Meeting attendees will have an opportunity to speak to federal representatives at an open house that will be held concurrently with the meetings.

The Corps' draft feasibility report and environmental impact statement was released in December 1999 and focuses on ways to modify the four lower Snake River dams to improve migration conditions for juvenile salmon listed under the Endangered Species Act. The Federal Caucus Conservation of Columbia Basin Fish All-H Paper examines opportunities for recovering listed salmon, steelhead and resident fish in four areas: habitat, hatcheries, harvest and hydropower.

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Members of the Federal Caucus include the Corps, Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

For more information on the Corps' Lower Snake River FR/EIS visit [www.nww.usace.army.mil](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil). More information on the Federal Caucus is available at: [www.bpa.gov/federalcaucus](http://www.bpa.gov/federalcaucus).

### **Agenda for the Feb. 10 Meeting, Lewis and Clark Conference Center, Clarkston, Wash.**

12 Noon	Open House
	Sign-Up for Afternoon Session of Public Comments
1 p.m.	Overview Presentation
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Questions and Answers
2:30-5 p.m.	Public Comment Session (3 minutes per person)
6:00 p.m.	Sign-Up for Evening Session of Public Comments
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Overview Presentation
7:30 p.m.	Public Comment Session (3 minutes per person)

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